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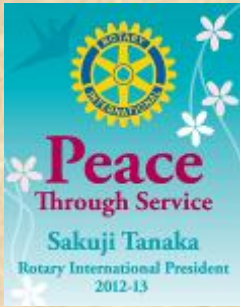
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www.kuringgairotary.org.au The club meets every Monday 6.30pm at West Pymble Bowling Club



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Meeting Apology

Please use the club web-site **before 3 pm** on meeting day to apologise or add a guest, or you will be required to reimburse the club for your meal cost.

<http://www.kuringgairotary.org.au>

Last Week

10 on me Graham Maslen

BHCC

\$82,000

Is to be donated to Lifeline H2H and Bo Hospital at our combined meeting on 20 May.

This is a outstanding result and our members made a very significant contribution to the result.

Next year we are discussing 50% to go to Lifeline H2H and 16% to a charity of our choice.

Red Shield Appeal 25/26 May 2013



Hi Guys

As you all know I am looking for volunteers to act as drivers for teams of yr 9/10 students to collect for the Salvos on above dates. If you (or family members) can assist please advise me as soon as possible and preferably before noon next Tuesday. I will provide collection team members as soon as we can sign them up.

You will need to sign the usual child protection forms.

Best regards
Chris Hoch

This Week

Phill Isaacs

Phill Isaacs 12v Power

Phill Isaacs developed a 12volt computer power system to run computers in developing countries where young people were disadvantaged by not having access to reliable power.

Much of the development work was done by local TAFE students. Graham Maslen and Greg heard Phill speak a few months ago and were very impressed. This is a good news story about local youth as well as international assistance in the South Pacific.

If you know anyone who is interested in technological developments, the ability of our own TAFE students, or development in our region of the world, invite them to come!

Summer Science School

Gary Dawson presented Roger with a certificate received from the Summer Science school.



Ralph Randall Waitara

Ralph Randall Waitara youth Exchange

Waitara Club has a Danish inbound male student boy they are seeking a host family any time November to July

NEW Clarke Road School

Volunteer Day at the NEW Clarke Road School

Here is more information on what will be happening on Friday 17 May, starting at 9.30am and going through to 3. (Some of this info is from the newsletter which went home to parents.) If you can't come at 9.30, come when you can and go to the front office for directions. Any time you can give will be appreciated. It is the second day of the pupil free days and they are not able to have any children on site for this day.

So far we have Laurel Jackson, Anne Maslen, Bob Ivey, John Aitken, Michael Midlam, Greg and Joy Newling who have volunteered. If you would like to come along too, you would be very welcome. There will also be some parents and other volunteers.

There will be plenty to do, both light and heavy work, lots to choose from. Resources will be need to be unpacked from boxes, boxes relocated, shelves filled with books and resources, some cleaning done, the temporary school checked over for leaving, classrooms set up, lawns checked closely for stray nails etc, it's a long list. Does anyone have a metal detector? Could be very useful for finding any odd nails. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch and we may even be able to help with that.

The staff and parents are very excited about the new school and in the words of one parent, "Just wait until you see the new school Joy, it's fantastic!"

Friday should be fun as well as helping a very worthy cause. Thanks for your support.
Joy

Rotary District Changeover 5 July

Rotary District Changeover 5 July - registrations are now open

Registrations are now open on-line, with payment by credit card (via PayPal), direct deposit, or cheque.

Bulk registrations are possible if clubs register their members manually with payment by club cheque in the manner outlined on the registration site or in the registration confirmation.

Register now by clicking on the image or by following this link:

changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Flyers are attached and there are more resources on the website

Judy Houghton In Cowra



The latest from Judy Houghton In Cowra:

Great to hear from you Joy, I am very well thank you. I have been very busy since the 5th April, I moved out of Cremorne and arrived in Cowra the same night, then purchased a house at 11 am on the next day. Has 4 bedrooms - one will be an office, 3 bathrooms, formal lounge, sep. dining, family room with an open plan kitchen. Double garage, plunge pool and the most fabulous views. Plenty of space between neighbours.

The garden is almost non-existent so this suits me greatly, almost a clean slate to work with. The home is 12 years old and well built and is located in North Cowra up past the Japanese Gardens on the outskirts of town. I back onto Crown Land and cannot be built out. It virtually ticks all the boxes. Most importantly it has a very good floor plan, at least in my eyes it has. It is currently tenanted and I am due to settle about 20th May and then into painting and re carpeting for starters.

I will be checking out the Garden Club and the evening branch of the CWA for a start. A lot of young women in the evening group. Then there is the Friends of the art gallery and the Japanese Gardens. Lots to do up here.

RYDA

Precision Braking at HART



Malcolm Braid, Bob Ivey and Nick Kenyon helped out on Friday 10 May at the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) course conducted for about 60 Year 11 students from Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School. One of our past members (of over 40 years?) Brian Jessep, had read our Koongga and also came along in case we needed more staff. It was great to chat with Brian again.

Students attended 6 classroom & outdoor sessions conducted by Police, The Brain Injury Association of NSW and professional driving instructors covering topics such as things to consider when buying a car, tyres, driver awareness, the effect of alcohol and some medications, 'Plan B' and stopping distances, where students got to ride in the car with the instructor. Videos demonstrating common driving situations were shown and a talk was given by a man who suffered brain injury in a car accident some 13 years ago. (Apologies for the photo taken a split second too early of the car about to hit the dummy !!)

Malcolm Braid spoke to the students (see photo) at the conclusion about rotary, our club and mentioned the 'RC of Ku-ring-gai Benefic Award' we sponsor annually for their school. The Award is to the Year 9 student who most favorably influences his/her peers.

RYDA is a most worthwhile Rotary program which members of our club usually attend on an annual basis - however RYDA staff mentioned they often need assistance at other times during the year and indicated they would welcome more volunteers. ...By Bob Ivey

Graham Maslen



Firstly, I would like to say that one should never let their lovely wife know that they have been asked to give a presentation if "she" is an English Teacher. For those who do not know me, my name is Graham Maslen and I was born in Ashfield Hospital on 3/1/1944 .

The surprise on this date was that when I came into the world the Doctor who delivered me was just about to leave the room when he was called back by the nurse who told him that there was another one. Yes I was born a twin much to my mother's amazement. Mum was not aware that she was having twins. There were no ultrasounds in the forties.

I also have an older brother and younger sister. Sadly, they, plus my twin brother do not live in Sydney but on

the Gold Coast, Forster and Corindi Beach, which is north of Coffs Harbour.

My father worked for the Government Railways and my mother was a seamstress at the Rachel Foster Hospital. I lived in Petersham for the most of my earlier years and got up to the usual tricks as a youngster.

I attended Drummoyne Boys High and played rugby Union with the likes of Arthur McGill who later played full-back for Australia. David Woods who later captained the Australian Water Polo Team was at the school around the same time.

I continued to play rugby until I was twenty nine with Eastwood and then the Barker Old Boys Subbies. My first job was with the Government Railways doing an Electrician's Apprenticeship.

My father said that the way to get on in life in those days was to get a trade.

This apprenticeship lasted approximately eleven weeks as I was afraid of getting electrocuted.

I think I earned about six pounds a week at the time and still had money left over at the end of the week. How wages and times have changed.

Graham Maslen

I then did a Vocational Guidance Test which suggested that I was good with figures. It was then that I embarked on an Accountancy degree after joining the Rural Bank in 1960 where I started in their records section.

I married in 1965 to Sylvania, whom I met in the Records Department of the Bank, sadly I lost her to leukaemia in 1979 when she was only thirty five.

I married again in 1984 to Annie after a whirlwind romance of six months. Annie must have seen something good in me.

I had one son at the time and Annie, a widow, had two young children.

We decided to have a child of our own and we now have four sons.

Michael, the eldest, is an IT Specialist with SAP.

Robert is also a computer nerd.

Michael number two, is a lighting expert and is currently travelling the USA with the band Muse. He has also worked with Lionel Ritchie, Robbie Williams and his band Take That. He got the lighting bug when he worked at the Athens Olympic Games and in addition he just happens to be six foot eight tall.

Our youngest son Anthony works in staging at Channel Nine and he is a keen drummer. He left home but has recently returned to save money for an upcoming Contiki holiday. Thank goodness the drums did not return with him.

I finalised my Accountancy degree in 1968 and worked my way up the ladder to eventually become CEO of the NSW Rural Assistance Authority which was a Government Department especially designed to provide financial assistance to farmers and small businesses in financial difficulties. I was intimately involved with the Newcastle earthquake and the severe flooding which engulfed the whole township of Nyngan. Financial assistance and grants were also provided to small businesses in this Local Area which had been affected by severe weather conditions in the early nineties.

I was with the Authority until 1995.

It was at this time that a career change was inflicted upon me by the Hon Mr Bob Carr after he came into power.

After a sabbatical of around twelve months I joined the Income Tax Professionals (ITP) and managed their North Sydney and Chatswood Offices for ten years.

As I am a Fellow Certified Practising Accountant and Registered Tax Agent I then decided to leave ITP to set up my own taxation practice which I have been running from home since 2007. This action was taken with a view to easing into retirement.

Today retirement has not happened as I still have over 400 clients. However I arrange time to play golf with the many friends I have made since joining Rotary a little over twelve months ago, like Tom Jackson, Bob Ivey, Graham Timms, Emyr Evans and Roger our President when he is not tripping around the countryside in his caravan.

Graham Maslen

We have four grandsons ranging from 18 months to seven years.

Unfortunately one of our sons Robert has been living in the UK for the past eleven years so we travel frequently overseas so that we can see the family and our two grandsons.

Whilst overseas we also have found time to travel and have been to France, Italy, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland. I recently gave away one of my clients who was married in Nice. So being an accountant is not all that boring.

Our other grandsons live in Sydney so we are able to see them on a regular basis.

We currently live in Wahroonga, where Annie and I like to stroll down to the Village with our Westie, Sophie, to enjoy one of the many coffee shops that we have at our disposal.

We also have a small weekender up the Central Coast at Macmasters Beach where we like to escape when we have free time.

I trust that this short dissertation has not put anyone to sleep but I thank you one and all for listening.

Meeting Schedule

<u>2012/13</u>	Calendar	
May	13	Phill Isaacs developed a 12volt computer power system to run computers
	20	BHCC Presentation Ku ring gai, St Ives and Turramurra
	27	Club Night. 2013.14 Board Presentation
June	1	Trivia Night 1 June
	3	BM Sally & Marten Wynd EAGLES RAPS
	10	Queens Birthday public holiday
	17	Rotary Awareness Night
	24	Changeover Night